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SUBJECT: POTENTIAL INTERVENTION IN BURUNDI -- AUSTRALIA  
WILL CONSIDER QUESTION OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING

REF: STATE 86948

OADR USED BECAUSE TEXT IS BASED ON FOREIGN GOVERNMENT  
INFORMATION.

1. S - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. AUSTRALIA WILL CONSIDER HOW IT MAY BE ABLE TO  
CONTRIBUTE TO CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR INTERNATIONAL  
INTERVENTION IN BURUNDI, ACCORDING TO ROB LAURIE, FIRST  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR THE SOUTH PACIFIC, AFRICA, AND  
MIDDLE EAST IN THE DEPT. OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE.3. AFTER THE CHARGE MADE REFTEL POINTS APRIL 13,  
LAURIE COMMENTED THAT THE SITUATION IN BURUNDI IS NOT  
AN EXACT PARALLEL TO LAST YEAR'S GENOCIDE IN RWANDA BUT  
CAN NEVERTHELESS LEAD TO SERIOUS INSTABILITY AND MASS  
EXODUSES. HE AGREED IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO THINK  
OF UNAMIR AS A POTENTIAL RESOURCE FOR INTERVENTION IN  
BURUNDI, MENTIONING THE AUSSIE MEDICAL UNIT AND COMMENT-  
ING ON THE IMPORTANCE OF UNAMIR'S ONGOING OPERATIONS IN  
RWANDA.

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FM EVANS HAS PARALLEL VIEWS  
-----4. LAURIE REFERRED TO A MAR. 29 PARLIAMENTARY Q-AND-A  
(TEXT FAXED TO AF/C AND EAP/ANZ) IN WHICH MINISTER FOR  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS GARETH EVANS MADE GENERAL POINTS THAT  
HARMONIZE WITH THE INTENDED USG APPROACH. IN PART,  
EVANS DECLARED, "IF THE SITUATION DETERIORATES FURTHER  
AND THE VIOLENCE CONTINUES TO ESCALATE, ANY INTERVENTION  
BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS GOING TO REQUIRE A

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5. THAT LOGICAL FRAMEWORK, LAURIE SAID, WOULD BE THE  
BASIS FOR THE GOA'S CONSIDERATION OF PRACTICAL ASPECTS.  
HE DECLINED TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS AT THIS STAGE AND  
PROMISED TO GET BACK TO US WHEN THE GOA HAS REACHED  
SPECIFIC CONCLUSIONS. WEAVER

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